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The first amphibious landing at Nassau, Bahamas by Marines in 1776 set the stage for the next 227 years. From Tripoli and Montezuma to Iwo Jima and Inchon, we are proud of our history, answering our nation's call to fight battles in the air, on land and at sea. Today, the Corps maintains that proud heritage. With the holidays upon us, Marines take a moment to honor those forward deployed over there.



Salinas Bay, *Peru*

Peruvian BMRs and Marine Forces Unitas assault amphibian vehicles make their way through the Peruvian desert Sept. 19 during a bilateral exercise held Sept. 18-20. This was part of the largest combined amphibious landing exercise to date for the amphibious phase of Unitas 43-02, a multinational series of training exercises in South America.

By Staff Sgt. Sam Kille



Kosovo, *Yugoslavia*

Capt. Carl A. Watt, Force Reconnaissance Platoon, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), gets situated on a horse before moving out on a patrol of the border during Dynamic Response 02.

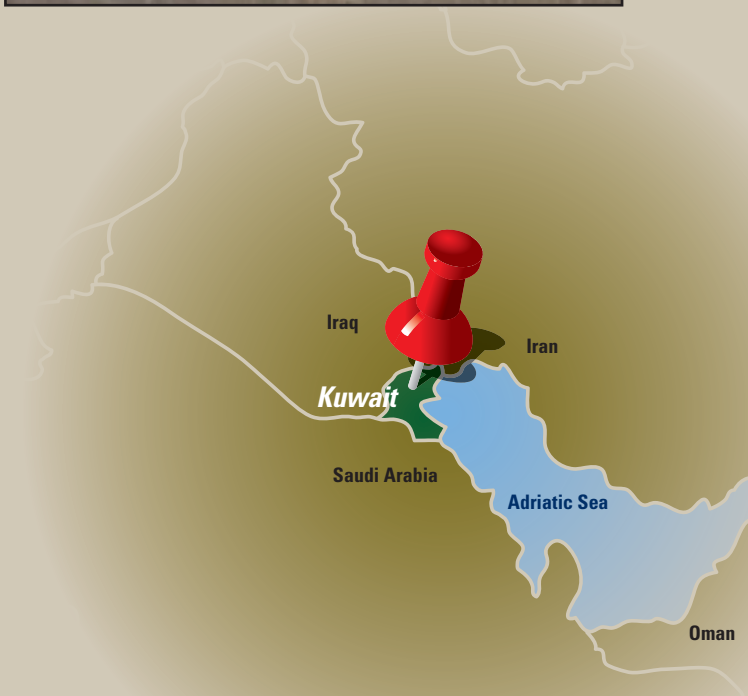
By Sgt. Bryan P. Reed



Udairi Training Range, *Kuwait*

Gunnery Sgts. Osama B. Shofani and Rob Andrews walk among a herd of white camels at the training range in western Kuwait during a site visit Sept. 27. Shofani is the operations chief and Arabic translator for Marine Corps forces currently in Kuwait. Many of the Marines on staff are based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., including Andrews, the task force's former nuclear, biological and chemical chief, who headed home Oct. 2. The Udairi range is one of the training areas used by U.S. military forces stationed in Kuwait and is frequently occupied by nomadic camel herders and Bedouins.

By Staff Sgt. Bill Lisbon

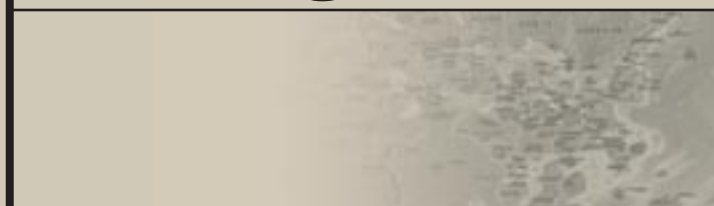


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Central Command Area of Operations, **Middle East**

Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), train in an undisclosed location August 15. The Marines and Sailors of the 11th MEU (SOC) continue to train throughout the duration of their deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

By Cpl. Mace M. Gratz

